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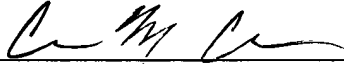
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In response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2004 (the "Office Action"), and in accordance with the Rule of Practice, please consider the remarks below. Pursuant to the election and amendments herein, claims 33, 49, and 73-78 directed to non-elected Groups II-III are cancelled and removed from further consideration. Upon entry of the amendments herein, claims 1-32, and claims 34-48 and 50-72 directed to elected Group I are under active consideration.

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I. ELECTION

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 1.121. Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 1-32, and claims 34-48 and 50-72) drawn to a method for stimulating ovarian follicular growth in a female, comprising administering to a female a medicament comprising a phosphodiesterase inhibitor.

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner required election 35 U.S.C. § 1.121 of a single disclosed species for search purposes. Applicants hereby elect PDE 4 inhibitors as the species for search purposes.